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LETTER DATED 15 SEPTEMBER 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that United States aircraft continued their violations of Iraqi national airspace for purposes of reconnaissance and provocation during the period 7 to 12 September 1993.

7 September 1993

(a) Northern region: No hostile aerial activity was reported in the northern region on 7 September 1993.

(b) Southern region: 44 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 6,500 to 9,000 metres, centred over Nasiriyah, Amarah, Qurnah, Jalibah, Samawah and Busayyah.

8 September 1993

(a) Northern region: 14 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 8,000 metres, centred over Dohuk, Mosul, Irbil, Tall Afar, Zakho and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 60 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 9,000 metres, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Qal'at Salih, Jalibah, Busayyah, Qurnah and Artawi.

9 September 1993

(a) Northern region: 24 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 6,500 to 8,000 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Tall Afar, Zakho and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 51 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,500 to 9,000 metres, centred over Basra, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Qurnah, Jalibah and Busayyah.

At 1530 hours on 9 September 1993, a United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft was detected flying at a speed of 600 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 20,000 metres. It overflew Basra, Qal'at Salih, Shatrah, the area to the south of Diwaniyah and Najaf, Samawah and Artawi. It left at 1800 hours in the direction of Saudi Arabia.

10 September 1993

(a) Northern region: 22 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 8,000 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar, Shaqlawah and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 68 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 8,500 metres, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Amarah, Salman, Busayyah, Jalibah, Artawi and Qurnah.

11 September 1993

(a) Northern region: No hostile aerial activity was reported in the northern region on 11 September 1993.

(b) Southern region: 54 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 8,000 to 9,000 metres, centred over Nasiriyah, Qurnah, Samawah, Salman, Qal'at Salih, Suq al-Shuyukh and Busayyah.

12 September 1993

(a) Northern region: 30 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,500 to 10,000 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Zakho, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Amadiyah and Ayn Zalah.

(b) Southern region: 40 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 8,000 to 9,000 metres, centred over Basra, Qurnah, Qal'at Salih, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Lasaf, Ushbayjah, Salman, Busayyah, Jalibah and Artawi.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Nizar HAMDOON
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